



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

As the world's premier maritime service and steward of our nation's marine environment, our goal is to manage the land, sea and air resources under our cognizance in an environmentally responsible manner. The preservation of marine biodiversity and the prevention of marine ecosystem degradation from land-based and sea-based activities, including our own, is central to our environmental effort.

We will comply with all applicable environmental regulations. Operations shall be planned and executed to reduce or eliminate the potential for pollution and waste of the earth's limited resources. We will work aggressively, in partnership with federal, state and local agencies, environmental interest groups and private industry, to provide for long-term environmental quality. Our environmental program will focus on marine emergency preparedness, marine transportation management, environmental law enforcement, environmental justice, pollution response and internal programs of compliance and restoration.

Our goal is to be the world leader in maritime environmental protection. Protecting the environment must be inherent in every Coast Guard mission and at every command level. The leadership of all personnel will be needed to successfully execute this policy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Kramek".

ROBERT E. KRAMEK
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Commandant